

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FRANCIS DIDONATO, :
Plaintiff, : 20 Civ. 2154 (LGS)
:
-against- : ORDER
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GC SERVICES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, et al., :
Defendants. :
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Plaintiff filed under seal, a letter requesting to modify the Protective Order in this action. Dkt. No. 105.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Plaintiff filed a motion to seal the January 12, 2021, letter at Docket No. 105. Dkt. Nos. 102, 103. It is hereby

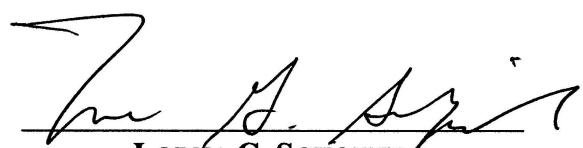
ORDERED that, by **January 25, 2021**, Defendants and non-party Navient Solutions, LLC (“Navient”) shall file any responsive letter to Plaintiff’s January 12, 2021, letter at Docket No. 105. It is further

ORDERED that, Plaintiff’s motion to seal is **GRANTED *nunc pro tunc***. The letter at Docket No. 105 will remain sealed. Although “[t]he common law right of public access to judicial documents is firmly rooted in our nation’s history,” this right is not absolute, and courts “must balance competing considerations against” the presumption of access. *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 119–20 (2d Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks omitted); *see also Nixon v. Warner Commc’ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 599 (1978) (“[T]he decision as to access is one best left to the sound discretion of the trial court, a discretion to be exercised in light of the relevant facts and circumstances of the particular case.”). Filing the above-referenced document under seal is necessary to prevent the unauthorized dissemination of confidential business information of Navient. It is further

ORDERED that, by **January 21, 2021**, Plaintiffs shall serve a copy of this Order and the January 12, 2021, letter at Docket No. 105 on Navient.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close the motion at Docket No. 103.

Dated: January 19, 2021
New York, New York



LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE